S.No.	State/UT	Amount released during			
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
				(Rs. in lakhs)	
11.	Punjab	—	—	0.15	—
12.	Rajasthan	—	0.24	2.42	—
13.	Tamil Nadu	—	0.27	5.09	—
14.	Uttar Pradesh	—	8.34	14.11	—
15.	West Bengal	—	—	0.20	—

This Scheme was introduced in 1993-94

National Reservation Policy

5782. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to evolve a National Reservation Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Union Government have also taken the views of the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) There is already a National Reservation Policy under which Central Government has provided reservation of 15% for Scheduled Castes, 7½% for Scheduled Tribes and 27% for Other Backward Classes.

Letters received from MPs

5783. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to his Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995 alongwith year-wise details thereof;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) 1994-95 (1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995). 1038.

(b) 1023

(c) 734.

(d) It is not practicable to categories the replies as "Positive" or "Negative" as mostly the replies indicate the factual information obtaining at the relevant time on the issues raised in the references.

Pension scheme for handicapped persons

5784. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for providing some monthly pension to the handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the basis on which Government provide pensions to such persons;

(c) whether Government have received any aid from foreign countries under this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The Central Government has no schemes for grant of pension to un handicapped persons. However State Govts./UT implement monthly pension schemes which also included pension for the handicapped persons? The detailed information is available in the enclosed statement. (*see* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does't arise.

Statement

Pension schemes for handicapped persons.

S. No.	State/U.T.	Details of pension given to handicapped persons
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 30/- per month irrespective of age; Rs. 1000/- per annum is given to Mentally Retarded children as maintenance allowance through Institutions/NGOs; Rs. 50/- per month to handicapped persons between age 18—60 years whose annual income is less than Rs. 12,000/- per annum who are registered with Employment Exchanges.
2	Asssam	Rs. 100/- per month to male above the age of 65 years and female of age above 60 years; Rs. 50/- per month to disabled registered Employment Exchanges.
3.	Bihar	Disability pension is granted by the State Government.
4.	Chandigarh	Rs. 100/- per month to handicapped persons of 18 years and above having disability of 40% and above.
5.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	Rs. 60/- per month.
6.	Daman and Diu	Rs. 60/- per month to handicapped persons of 60 years and above whose income is Rs. 250/- per month.
7.	Delhi	Rs. 200/- per month to handicapped persons above 60 years of age.
8.	Gujarat	Rs. 120/- per month to handicapped persons of age 45 years and above and disability of 75% and more.
9.	Goa	Rs. 100/- per month to handicapped persons of 60 years and above whose per capita income is Rs. 60/- per month and family income Rs. 250/- per month; Unemployment allowance of Rs. 100/- per month to disabled persons registered with Employment Exchanges.
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 100/- per month whose income is less than Rs. 2,000/- per month.

(1)	(2)	(3)
11.	Haryana	Rs. 100/- per month to disabled persons of age 65 years and disability 70% and above whose family income is Rs. 200/- per month or less; Unemployment allowance to disabled registered with Employment Exchanges Matric Rs. 50/- per month, Graduate Rs. 100/- per month and Post graduate/ Diploma Rs. 150/- per month.
12.	Karnataka	Rs. 60/- per month to handicapped and Mentally Retarded.
13.	Kerala	Rs. 85/- per month having income upto Rs. 300/- per month.
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 60/- per month to male and Rs. 100/- per month to female who are helpless.
15.	Lakshadweep	Rs. 100/- per month to disabled persons of age of 60 years and above.
16.	Maharashtra	Maintenance grant through NGOs Rs. 125/- per month of age 55 years and above.
17.	Meghalaya	Rs. 100/- per month to above the age of 65 years and above
18.	Nagaland	Rs. 60/- per month.
19.	Orissa	Rs. 100/- per month to blind and orthopaedically handicapped above age of 5years; Unemployment allowance of Rs. 75/- per month to persons between age 18—60 years.
20.	Punjab	Rs. 50/- per month whose income is upto Rs. 3,600/- per annum; Rs. 80/- to Rs. 100/- per month who are registered with Employment Exchange.
21.	Rajasthan	Rs. 100/- per month having disability of 40% from age 8 years and above; Unemployment allowance of Rs. 150/- per month to Graduate and Rs. 250/- per month to Post-graudate for a period of two years or till they get employment, whichever is earlier.
22.	Sikkim	Rs. 100/- per month to persons of age 40 years and above.
23.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 30/- per month; Rs. 100/- per month to severely disabled as maintenance allowance having 50% disability or more destitute; Rs. 100/- per month maintenance allowance to severely disabled of disability 75% and above through Institution/NGOs; Rs. 30/- per month is given to unemployed disabled registered with Employment Exchanges.

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24.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 100/- per month.
25.	West Bengal	Rs. 100/- per month.
26.	Tripura	Rs. 30/- per month is given as unemployment allowance to the disabled who are registered in employment exchanges.

Welfare Schemes for Gujarat

5785. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various welfare schemes submitted by the Gujarat State Government for approval during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the schemes accorded approval out of them and the amount released for this purpose during the above period; and

(c) the time by which the remaining amount for the approved schemes is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) This Ministry has schemes for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Handicapped Persons and certain schemes of Social Defence including whose related to Aged, Control of Iuvenile Social Maladjustment, Beggary Prevention, Street Children and Problems of Drug addiction. Insofar as Special Central Assistance for Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) is concerned it is allocated to various States and U.Ts according to a well-known and established formula. Insofar as other schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are concerned, it is allocated to various States and UT Administration according to the proposals received, utilisation of previous grants, provisions in the States BUDGET FOR MATCHING SHARES ETC.? Insofar as the scheme for Backward Classes are concerned, they are being implemented by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporations through State level development corporations and other authorised agencies of the State Government/UT administrations and the loans are advanced to the other backward classes through State level Corporations keeping in view the demands received from various State Corporations. Similar is the position regarding funds routed for economic development through National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation and National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation. There is one scheme of Pre-Examination Coaching for weaker sections of minority community and other backward classes which is being implemented through non-Governmental organisations.

Insofar as the Welfare of the Handicapped Persons is concerned the schemes are implemented through National Institutes of the Ministry of Welfare and through non-Governmental organisations. However, there is one scheme of the Employment of the Handicapped which is Centrally Sponsored Scheme and grant is released according to the demand received and budget provisions made by the State Government for providing State share. Insofar as the scheme of Social Defence are concerned, all schemes are implemented through non-Governmental organisations except the scheme of Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social